

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 remain in this application. Claims 1-34 are hereby canceled.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 10, 18-21, 25-28 and 31-34 are directed to allowable subject matter. New claims 35-64, which contain the allowable material set forth by the Examiner rewritten in independent form, have been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 11, 17, 22-24, 29 and 30 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson (6325690) or Chuang (6623405) and under § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Nelson in view of Chuang. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

While continuing to traverse the Examiner's rejections, the Applicant, in order to expedite the prosecution of this case, chooses to amend the claims to conform to the allowable material.

Specifically, new independent claim 35 includes the limitations of original claims 1, 5 and 10. New independent claim 46 includes the limitations of original claims 1 and 18. New independent claim 52 includes the limitations of original claims 1, 5, 6, 7 and 25. New independent claim 58 includes the limitations of original claims 1, 11 and 31.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 35, 46, 52 and 58, and hence claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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